The evaluation of IDSMT scheme has been undertaken from time to time by the Government as also the various agencies working in this field and modifications in the guidelines have been made.Evaluation study of IDSMT Scheme has been again been entrusted to Regional Centres of Urban and Environment Studies, Lucknow, Mumbai and Hyderabad and they have been requested to complete the study by September, 2002.

The Scheme has helped in improving infrastructure facilities and creation of durable public assets in the selected small and medium towns. By promoting resource generating schemes it has helped, to some extent, in improving the overall financial position of the Urban Local Bodies.

(c) and (d) the IDSMT Guidelines specifies that State Governments and Local Bodies should involve the private sector or adopt public-private partnership to the extent possible in the forumlation and implementation of projects. The extent of private sector participation by the Urban Local Bodies are not available.

Projects for basic amenities in Metropolitan Cities

†1326. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had initiated 72 projects during the past years for providing basic facilities in five big Metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) if so, the names of those projects and how much amount had been estimated as expenditure for their completion;

(c) how much amount has already been spent out of the estimated amount till march, 2002; and

(d) the number of projects, out of them which have been discontinued without completion of job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The Centrally sponsored scheme for Infrastructure Development

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in Mega Cities was launched in 1993-94. The scheme is applicable to five Mega Cities namely Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore. As per available information 418 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 3648.25 crore have been sanctioned by the respective State level Sanctioning Committee. An expenditure of Rs. 2024.70 crore has been incurred upto 31.3.2002 in completion/implementation of the projects.

As per available information, 23 projects/schemes were dropped during the 9th Five Year Plan.

Scarcity of drinking water in R.K. Puram

1327. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute scarcity of drinking water in Sector-7, R.K. Puram, New Delhi and residents are forced to buy water from tankers to meet their essential needs; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. The water supply is normal in R.K. Puram, including Sector-7. In some of the houses situated at the extreme tail end of the distribution system, the water pressure was comparatively low. Water through tankers was being supplied free of cost by Delhi Jal Board on demand by consumers of such houses.

(b) To improve the water pressure and availability of water the Delhi Jal Board recently replaced an old pump of 40 Horse Power with a new 60 Horse Power Pump in the booster pumping station at Sector 7, R.K. Puram. This has improved the water supply.

Illegal construction in colonies under 'D' Division of CPWD

†1328. CHOUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that illegal construction has been done in 80 per cent houses of the colonies under 'D' Division of CPWD;

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